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Crow is flying over snow.



He spies some paw prints far below.



“Ho, ho,” says Crow  
and swoops down low.



“I think I’ll follow where they go.”





This trail could lead  
me far and wide.





Then – five fine snowmen,  
side by side.

Ho, ho!  
I know...





Crow starts hopping to and fro.



He picks up sticks,  
some stones and cones...





And look –  
a crow made out of snow.





Crow blinks and sees the trail  
goes on. "What next?" he thinks  
and trots along.





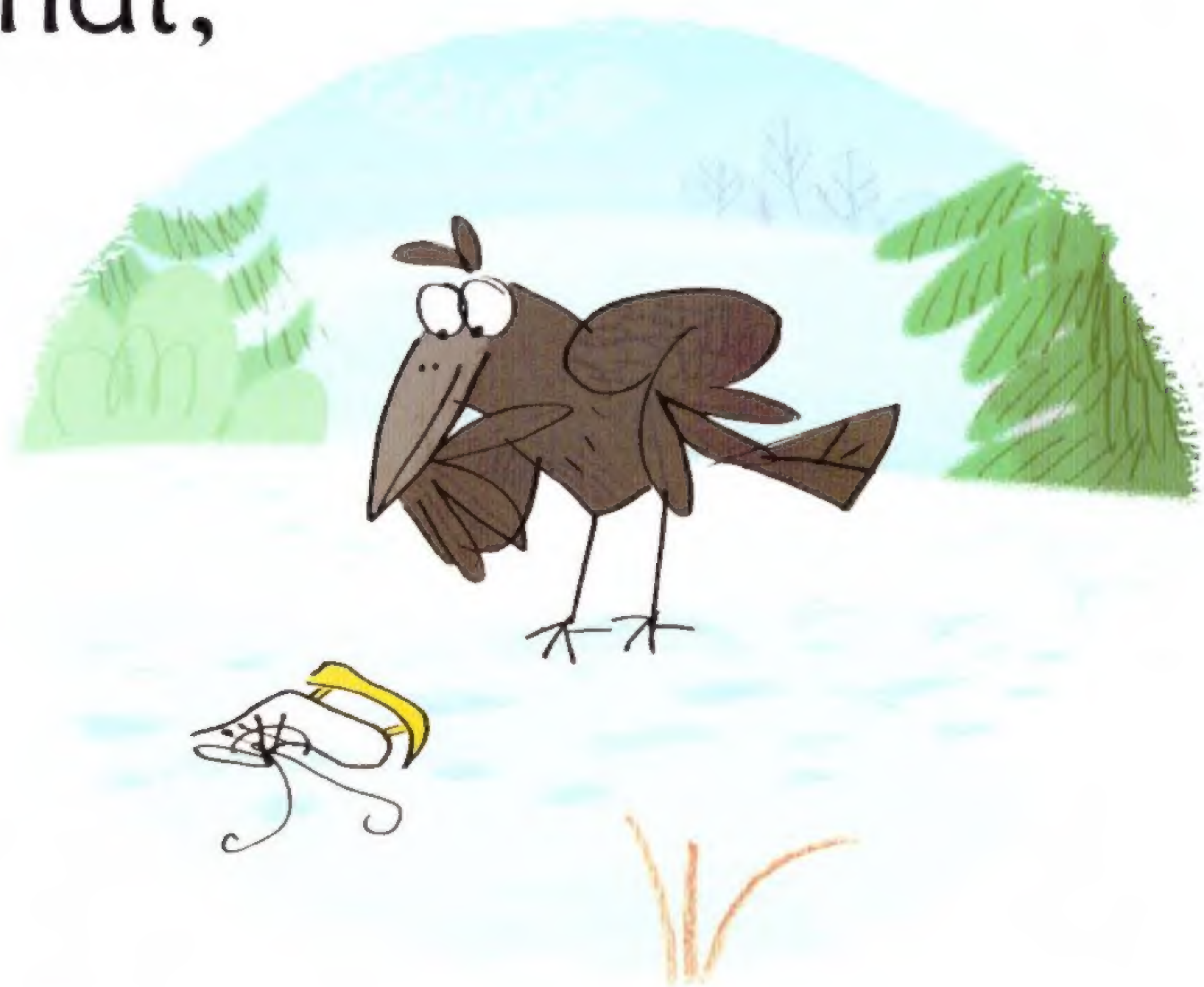
He spots a red  
sled by a gate,



a yellow  
hat,



a fallen  
skate.



The trail leads to...



Creak!



“Oh no!” cries Crow.  
“The ice is breaking.”





“Help!” calls Mole. “I’m falling in.  
I’m all cold and I can’t swim.”





Don't despair.  
I'll be right there.





Crow flies fast.



He leaves the lake.

In seconds, he's flown past the gate.





He spies the snowmen, dives down low,  
grabs a scarf and back he goes.




Quick,  
catch hold!



Take this,  
Mole!







After me...  
One, two, three...

H-E-E-E-AVE!

Grrrrrh...



With one last heave, cold Mole is free.  
He sits and shivers by a tree.



“Let me get the sled,” says Crow...





and soon he's giving Mole a tow.



Now all are warm and safe and snug.  
Mole gives a grin and lifts his mug.





“A toast,” he says. “A toast to Crow.  
He’s the hero of the snow!”







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A lively story with irresistible illustrations, this book is a delight to share with very young children. It can also be enjoyed by children who are beginning to read for themselves. The simple rhyming text helps to develop essential language and early reading skills, and there are guidance notes for parents at the back of the book.



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